

SITUATION REPORT NO. 5

INCIDENT NO. 2001-103

DATE: September 15, 2001 TIME: 12:00 a.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Increased Security – In response to a series of terrorist attacks on the United States, North Dakota state agencies and military installations have taken precautions to increase security.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: Local agencies on heightened alert include law enforcement, fire departments, city and county administration offices, human services, public works departments, communications centers, emergency management offices and emergency medical services.

STATE: Agencies reporting operational support activities to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) include the Governor's Office, State Radio Communications, the N.D. National Guard, the N.D. Department of Human Services, the N.D. Department of Health, N.D. Office of Management and Budget, the Division of Facility Management, the Attorney General's Office, the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission, the N.D. Highway Patrol, the N.D. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the N.D. Division of Emergency Management.

FEDERAL: Federal agencies involved with increased security efforts in North Dakota include the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission reported the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released General Aviation Instruments Flight Rules (IFR) operations into the National Airspace System (NAS) effective September 14 at 3:00 p.m. (CST). The Commission indicated the phase-in of General Aviation Visual Flight Rules (VFR) will occur this weekend. It also reported general aviation flights are not allowed to fly within 25 nautical miles of New York City or Washington D.C. The restrictions will remain in place until further notice.

The ND Department of Health has provided an update of the Center of Disease Control (CDC) activity this week. The CDC has sent a total of 53 staff members including 35 epidemiologists, occupational health specialists, and other public health professionals to supplement and assist New York and local health officials and physicians. It released one of eight "12-Hour Push Packages" maintained in pre-packaged, pre-positioned caches in secure storage facilities positioned throughout the country. Each package involves several truckloads of materials including pharmaceuticals, intravenous and airway supplies, emergency medication, bandages, dressings and many other items covering a spectrum of medical needs. In addition, the CDC provided 84,000 bags of intravenous fluid and other intravenous supplies, 350 portable ventilators, and 250 stationary ventilators. The Center's Health Alert Network distributed information to health officials in New York City and around the country regarding technical issues and incident response.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Following are contact agencies and numbers for welfare inquiries, blood and monetary donations and crisis counseling:

Welfare Inquiries

U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime: 1-800-331-0075

The agency also has a website for inquiries: www.responsecare.com

American Red Cross: contact your local chapter or call in North Dakota, 1-800-252-6746

American Airlines: 1-800-245-0999

United Airlines: 1-800-932-8555

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB): 1-202-314-6185

Virginia Governor's Terrorism Victims Help Line: 1-866-827-3543

Voluntary and Monetary Donations

Donation and Volunteer Hotline - World Trade Center: 1-800-801-8092

American Red Cross: Contact your local chapter or call 1-800-HELP-NOW

The Salvation Army: Contact your local chapter or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY

United Way September 11th Fund: 1-212-251-4035

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief: 1-800-959-4325

Church World Service: 1-800-297-1516, extension 222

Nazarene Disaster Response: 1-888-256-5886

Blood Donations

United Blood Services – Bismarck: 1-701-258-4512

United Blood Services – Minot: 1-701-852-2161

United Blood Services – Fargo: 1-701-293-9453

Dak-Minn Blood Bank – Grand Forks: 1-701-780-5140

Crisis Counseling

The Mental Health Association in North Dakota: 1-800-472-2911

Northeast Human Service Center, Grand Forks: 1-701-775-0525

Northwest Human Service Center: 1-800-231-7724

North Central Human Service Center: 1-888-470-6968

Lake Region Human Service Center: 1-701-665-2200

Southeast Human Service Center: 1-888-342-4900
South Central Human Service Center: 1-800-260-1310
West Central Human Service Center: 1-888-328-2662
Badlands Human Service Center 1-888-227-7525

The level of Devils Lake was recorded at 1447.38 feet on the morning of September 15. The last recorded Stump Lake level was 1411.91 feet on September 12.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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